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## A PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

Miss Alberta D. Garber Has That Position  
In a Boston Church.  
Miss Alberta D. Garber, who has recently been elected as associate organizer of the Everyday church, Boston, began work on the 1st of October. It will be interesting to the friends of the Everyday church to know that Miss



Garber is a graduate of the Ohio State university at Columbus in the class of '89 with a degree of B. Ph. She also holds the degree of A. M. from the same university. Her special work done in history and law.

But Miss Garber is something more than a college bred woman. Upon leaving college she went into the kitchen and took a practical course in general housekeeping, accompanied with and followed by all the arts of homekeeping which generally fall to the lot of women. Not satisfied with this, she has also had a practical business training in her father's own office, where as bookkeeper and stenographer she made herself acquainted with all the details of his important business.

In addition to this, in connection with the Catholic Board of Education, the Social Settlement of the same city and the Lending Library association, she has acquired no small insight into the charitable and philanthropic enterprises so much needed in a great city. She comes with strong recommendations from her pastor in Cincinnati, as well as from Mr. P. F. Powers, now secretary of the Associated Charities in Chicago. Miss Garber was for six years a member of the state executive board of the Ohio Y. P. C. U., serving in succession as recording secretary, corresponding secretary and president, where she gained a wide experience as organizer of religious enterprises.

She is a graduate of the educational class if no more novice who is taking the place as associate organizer at the Everyday church. Although only 27 years of age, Miss Garber has already had a wide and varied experience as well as a thorough intellectual training, which surely fit her for the exacting duties of her new position.—Boston Journal.

**Her Wonderful Self Control.**  
A story of self control under what we suppose to be the most trying circumstances to which a woman can be subjected comes from Covington, Ky. At a recent funeral there of a man whose circle of friends was sufficient to fill his church, it was discovered that a woman, a paid member of a choir of a large Cincinnati church, was present to render a song. She stood in the hall near the stairway and was singing without musical accompaniment, alone and in full view of many of the assembly. Suddenly from somewhere dropped a tiny mouse on the open book she held in her hands. She did not move, but instead betrayed its presence. It crawled from the book to the floor, and unawares her strong notes filled the room to the last line of the last stanza of the hymn. She sat down and only then showed that she had ever seen the little creature by instinctively drawing her skirt closely about her feet as her glance sought the floor. It was a marvelous exhibition of self control or concentration of thought. Which?

**Women as Sailors.**  
A Scandinavian correspondent writes to the Berlin correspondent that in Denmark, Norway and Sweden the employment of women as sailors is a matter of daily experience. In the smaller sailing ships, where there is a woman on board, whether she be the stewardess or the wife of the skipper, she is expected to take her turn at the ordinary work of the sailors, not excepting the dangerous duties of the man at the wheel of a night watch. In Denmark several women are employed at sea as state officials and particularly in the pilot service. "They go far out to sea to meet the coming ships. They clamber up nimbly out of their boats. They show their official diplomas and stand the newcomers only to the right." This is the case in Finland. Experienced sailors say that women often make excellent sailors and that they are equal to most seamen in dexterity and endurance.

**Mrs. Arthur Sewall.**  
Mrs. Arthur Sewall, wife of the Democratic candidate for vice-president, is a daughter of the late Charles Crook of Bath, Me. She was educated in Ipswich and afterward traveled extensively in this country and Europe. She is a wide reader, a proficient student and a good French scholar. In addition, she has the artistic temperament. A large collection of water colors and landscape photographs made by her during travels enables to think that she has received diplomas for her work in the expert amateur photographs in Paris, New York and Boston.

**The Cause Progressing.**  
Woman's cause is progressing even in the conservative Episcopal church. The diocese of Michigan has declared women eligible to vote for vestrymen in parish elections. Twenty-five other dioceses and four missions in the sections of the church allow women to vote for vestrymen.—Woman's Journal.

**Insure against Burglars with the Fidelity & Casualty Co.** Coggeshall & Smith, Agents.

## A COZY CORNER.

### ON THE PRAIRIE.

A Simple and Effective Way of Arranging a Window Seat.

Artistically hung up, the window may be made by nailing a piece of framework across the upper pane of framework and from it hanging a deep ruff of dotted madras or lace of any pretty design.

A comfortable window divan may be easily made by nailing a wooden seat of good width along the window sill. This should be upholstered in a color which will harmonize with the other draperies in the room. The front of the seat should be made of brown leather, deco-

rated with brass nails. On this seat will go several bright soft pillows. The curtains should be so made to give the artistic effect of the window, are hung on brackets or poles and are made of madras figured with gilt designs.

With a little ingenuity another window seat can be made by covering a large sized packing box with chintz or denim, richly embroidered, or any prettily material that suits the fancy and harmonizes with all the details of the rest of the room.

Brooklyn Catholic Women.

The work of the Catholic ladies in Brooklyn who have the management of the Women's Catholic association of that city is something of a departure from the usual routine of benevolence of the association. The incorporations of the Botanic garden, men well known for public spirit and intelligence. Thus the society begins under the most favorable possible auspices, for caution and discrimination as well as for enterprise.

Of course its work will be largely experimental. There will be even a school of the women in New York which may not be wise to attempt tree planting at all, for the reason that the space cannot be spared, either from the sidewalk or the roadway, for the boxes that must protect the young trees or for the trunks of such as live to maturity. Even in those streets in which there is room for trees, the boxes will be a hindrance to the growth of the trees.

The association which is now three years old and very prosperous, is modeled closely on the lines of the Young Women's Christian Association. It is a clubhouse for young women, where they can get almost any sort of helpful instruction and entertainment. There are free classes in plain sewing, preparatory dressmaking, domestic science, elementary English and classics, at which a nominal fee is charged, in typesetting, stenography, bookkeeping, physical culture and other departments of direct commercial value to the members.

On two evenings in the week a class of hospital nurses meets to receive instruction in invalid cooking, and a class of nurses is to receive a

lesson of another class on one afternoon. An elaboration of the course in domestic science is intended to give its participants most thorough training in all home work. A series of entertainments, to consist of lectures, concerts and the like, is to be given on succeeding Wednesday evenings during the season.

Educational Facilities For Women.

Five or six years ago Mr. Washington Duke of Durham gave \$85,000 to secure the location of Trinity college in Durham, being then the largest single donation for educational purposes ever given by a North Carolina. At the recent conference at Kinston Mr. Duke, through President Kilgore, gave \$100,000 to the endowment of Trinity college, with the solid but far-reaching condition that the trustees, upon its acceptance, will arrange for the admission of girls. Mr. Duke is a man of great practical sense. He has been studying English literature and is a decided reader. He has become convinced, just as Ezra Cornell came to believe, that when larger opportunities of higher education are offered to men they ought also to be given to women. In North Carolina Eion, Catawba, Guilford and Butcherford have been open to women, and the work is well done.

George Thompson, the famous English abolitionist while lecturing on the abolition of slavery in the British provinces, stopped one night with a Quaker family. He was a great lover of music, and at that time was a good singer.

During the evening he sang "Oft in the Stille" which was listened to with the closest attention.

In the morning his Quaker hostess appeared somewhat uneasy, and I was told that she said, with a faint pink color in her soft cheeks, "will that repeat the words of last evening in thy sweet manner?"—Youth's Companion.

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Mr. Bluff (angrily)—Then, what do you mean by amusing yourself at my daughter's expense?

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